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MEETING, MAY 25, 1978

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1. SUMMARY: AT MAY 25 MEETING OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, TARASOV (USSR) INTRODUCED SOV DEL ILLUSTRATIVE DRAFT TEXT ON RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL (SEPTEL). DRAFT GENERALLY FOLLOWS FORMAT OF US DEL DRAFT OF MAY 12, AND INCLUDES TECHNICAL ANNEX SETTING FORTH SOME OF DETAIL WE HAD PROPOSED. FINCH (US) INDICATED THAT TEXT SHOWED MOVEMENT BY SOV DEL ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES REMAINED. FAKLEY (UK) SUPPORTED US COMMENTS. TARASOV SUGGESTED IT WAS NOW THE US TURN TO SHOW MOVEMENT ON ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

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2. TARASOV BEGAN MEETING BY DESCRIBING KEY FACETS OF SOVIET ILLUSTRATIVE DRAFT TEXT ON RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL FOR SEPARATE AGREEMENT AND ITS TECHNICAL ANNEX. HE STRESSED THAT THIS DOCUMENT FOLLOWED POSITION OF SOV DEL AS SET FORTH BY CHAIRMAN PETROSYANTS ON MAY 4. TARASOV STATED THAT FUNDAMENTAL APPROACH OF SOV DEL IS TO WORK OUT RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED

PERSONNEL IN SOME DETAIL IN CONTEXT OF THE TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ENORMOUS VARIETY OF POTENTIAL SITUATIONS, DETAILED RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED FURTHER ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

3. FINCH THANKED SOV DEL FOR SERIOUS EFFORT IN PREPARING ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT, OBSERVING THAT ITS SIMILARITY IN FORMAT TO US ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT OF MAY 12 SHOULD FACILITATE PROGRESS. FINCH ALSO STATED THAT, ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY REVIEW, SOV DEL DRAFT APPEARED TO REFLECT MOVEMENT ON SOME ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE, ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED.

4. FAKLEY SUPPORTED FINCH COMMENTS AND STATED THAT IT WOULD FACILITATE THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE ABLE TO STUDY SIDE-BY-SIDE THE US AND USSR PAPERS, WHICH HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN A SIMILAR MANNER. TARASOV INDICATED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY US AND UK COMMENTS, AND OBSERVED THAT IN NEGOTIATIONS STEPS ARE TAKEN ALTERNATELY, AND NOW IT WAS US TURN TO SHOW SOME MOVEMENT.

5. US AND UK DELS EXAMINED INFORMAL TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY SOV DEL AND SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF SOME POINTS. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF US DEL AND SOV DEL DRAFTS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN OSI WORKING GROUP. JOHNSON

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